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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station has the largest patrol area of all Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Stations, with an area covering approximately 1,300 square miles, serving over a quarter of a million community members. Our patrol area covers the contract cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, and all the unincorporated county areas. The largest area of our responsibility lies in rural towns surrounding both cities. Those areas include Acton, Agua Dulce, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano, Wrightwood, Lake Los Angeles, and Antelope Acres. Those townships make up over 1,100 square miles of rural desert and mountain areas.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Our OHV team usually deploys on the weekends and major holidays when the OHV activity is the highest. We typically try to schedule our deployments two weekends a month at 8 or 10 hour shifts with alternate dates and times so as not to deploy at regular time frames. We will also deploy as needed during the week days, usually in the afternoon hours, since those are the highest call volume for service on OHV violations. Most of our team members are available for emergent deployment within 30 minutes from notification.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Deployment consists of a minimum of two deputies, mainly for officer safety. Our team, on a normal deployment, will have one sergeant and four deputies. However, we can deploy up to two sergeants and eight deputies when needed. We now have a fully functional off road four-wheel drive truck for patrol, which is identifiable as a Sheriff's Department vehicle and decaled with the large OHV stickers. This vehicle will be maned as staffing will allow for a trained deputy and a civilian volunteer.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

All the areas listed are high priority given the high volume of calls for service for OHV violations. A few of our many issues are trespassing onto private and commercial lands, where "quality of life" and damage to property are ongoing problems. Within our jurisdiction, American Indian tribes of the Tataviam and Hahamokngna have been discovered, along with many of their cultural artifacts. Also being threatened by illegal OHV activities are the survival of many wildlife animals and plants. Some of those are the California Poppy Reserve, Arroyo Toad and the Desert Tortoise. We patrol large portions of the Angeles National Forest because of the high fire danger that exists. Our patrols ensure that those riding in these areas are properly equip with the approved exhaust systems, as well as the high visibility to potential arson suspects who might strike another fire.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Our program through community events allows us to teach OHV enthusiasts about proper equipment, its maintenance, specific rules and regulations for our areas and those of neighboring facilities. We hand out brochures which indicate the local areas and others available for their use. During these events we are able to indicate those areas which are "off limits" with an explanation which makes sense. We encourage responsible OHV activities. With regular patrols into these non-open/closed areas we can maintain a level of protection and notification to those who violate the laws and redirect them to those areas which are open for their use.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

Many of our areas border with the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station and that of the Forest Rangers of the Angeles National Forest. To the north, we also assist the Kern County Sheriff's Department to patrol the open desert areas as needed. We will, and have provided manpower as needed in our collective areas. Due to our vast resources within our agency, we can respond not only with manpower but also with equipment to overcome our objectives. These may include patrol vehicles, off road vehicles of various types, and air support with helicopters.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

Explain

None of the available OHV recreation facilities provide for or subsidise any of our patrol efforts.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Each deputy sheriff must graduate from a POST approved OHV motorcycle training course which is taught by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). These instructors are POST approved and certified. The instructors are also active OHV deputies and this course consists of eighty hours of training. Our program continues this training with in house updates regarding state law and OHV information as we receive it, and quarterly POST required retraining on the OHV motorcycles. Several of our deputies are also four wheel drive trained by the Department. All deputies are trained in first aid and CPR. Our training includes operator awareness to the lands and remaining on trails so as not to destroy plants and habitat. Also to keep informed of changing laws and issues, we attend regular meetings with agencies such as the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and other groups of OHV concern and network this information among our agencies.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
It is the policy of the Department to enforce all state and local laws during the performance of our duties. This enforcement can and will be either to the letter of the law or the spirit of the law. Sometimes using the law as an educator can produce more compliance from people than just with the issuance of citations.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
The OHV Grant monies is being planned to pay for needed new equipment as indicated in the project cost estimate sheet, and salaries to deploy Sheriff's Department staff for law enforcement needs in our project. In addition to full time paid deputies, we will utilize Sheriff Reserves and civilian volunteers to provide in-like matching fund.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
Our program does not manage any OHV facilities.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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APPLICANT NAME :	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement - Palmdale	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
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DIRECT EXPENSES						

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Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	288.000	95.150	HRS	27,403.00	0.00	27,403.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	864.000	84.120	HRS	72,680.00	0.00	72,680.00
	Other-Sheriff's Volunteers	200.000	19.000	HRS	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
	Notes : A match fund that equates to personnel costs of like duties by paid personnel.						
	Total for Staff				100,083.00	3,800.00	103,883.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment	1.000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Notes : To be used for uniform safety riding equipment (OHV pants, boots, helmets, goggles, gloves, equipment bags)						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	7.000	1600.000	YR	0.00	11,200.00	11,200.00
	Notes : Cost of maintenance for the vehicles to be used within the OHV program. This is for the maintenance of the motorcycles already listed as an asset to be provided at no cost, save the routine maintenance costs, to the OHV enforcement program.						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	1.000	2932.000	YR	0.00	2,932.00	2,932.00
	Notes : Cost of maintenance for the support vehicle (2008 Ford F-250 4X4, black and white) to be used within the OHV program. This is for the maintenance of the truck, already listed as an asset to be provided at no cost, save the routine maintenance costs, to the OHV enforcement program.						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	1.000	1050.000	YR	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
	Notes : This item covers the fuel costs of operating the motorcycles						

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	and 1 support vehicle per deployment. This is based on a current \$2.15 price per gallon of fuel. It includes 4 motorcycles and 1 support vehicle per deployment.						
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	15,182.00	15,182.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Motorcycle Notes : To purchase an additional motorcycle to be used solely within the parameters of the off highway enforcement program. The vehicle will be equipped with the necessary lighting and emergency vehicle equipment and badged with the Shreiff's Department logos per Department requirements.	1.000	8000.000		8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
6	Others						
	Training Notes : This covers 2 sessions (8 hours ea.) of training for 6 off road enforcement trained deputies. Training to occur in the year of the grant award to include: 1. Mandated POST motorcycle off highway vehicle recurrent training. 2. Attending monthly meetings with other agencies (BLM, US.Forest Service Angeles Div, Kern CoSO, San Bernadino SO, CORVA & CTUC) in order to effectivlely network with each other on changing laws, issues and ideas, which assists us with our operational management of OHV recreation within our jurisdictions.	96.000	75.570	HRS	0.00	7,255.00	7,255.00

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	Total for Others				0.00	9,975.00	9,975.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Admin personnel Notes : Provides for administrative sergeant biling, tracking and data entry related to contacts during enforcement, equipment maintenance, overtime reports etc.	96.000	85.010	HRS	0.00	8,161.00	8,161.00
	Total Program Expenses				109,083.00	37,118.00	146,201.00
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	15,182.00	15,182.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	9,975.00	9,975.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	8,161.00	8,161.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment